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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 8, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

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